



STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE JOB PROFILE

Working Title

Senior Data Processing Technician

Job Code Title

Administrative Assistant VI

Pay Band

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Job Code Number

436114

Information Technology and Processing Division

Processing and Retention Operations Bureau
Data Capture Unit

Fair Labor Standards Act

Non-Exempt

The Montana Department of Revenue administers more than 30 state taxes and fees; establishes values for taxable property, including agricultural land, residential real estate, commercial real estate, forest land, business equipment, railroads and public utilities; supervises the operation of the state liquor stores and agencies and administers the laws governing the sale, taxation, and licensing of alcoholic beverages; and returns unclaimed property to its rightful owners.

The Information Technology and Processing Division serves as the operational foundation for the department's business units. Through secure, up-to-date computing and processing environments the division's Information and Technology Services Bureau (IT) and Processing and Retention Operations Bureau (PRO) contribute to the department's overall efficiency in document and payment processing while ensuring confidentiality, integrity, and availability of taxpayer data, whether in paper or electronic form. In providing these services, the division enables the department to meet its business objectives and facilitates its mission to serve the citizens of Montana. The division also includes the Administrative Team. The Processing and Retention Operations Bureau ensures secure handling and delivery of taxpayer information, payments, and data to the appropriate systems and staff. The bureau is organized into four units providing tax return and payment processing including Account Maintenance and Cashiering, Data Capture, E-Services, and Mailroom and Records Management. The Data Capture Unit is responsible for ensuring accurate and secure data capture of taxpayer information.

Job Responsibilities

The Senior Data Processing Technician coordinates taxpayer account data processing functions; ensures the accuracy of data entered into databases and the accurate transfer of batches into the master tax system; assists with manual records management; provides training and leadership to unit staff; and resolves data processing problems. The incumbent also provides a range of general services in support of mail services, accounting, records maintenance, and taxpayer registration functions and a variety of other duties as assigned. The position reports to the Data Capture Unit Manager and leads other processing technicians within the work unit including permanent, seasonal, and temporary staff.

• Data Processing Coordination 55%

1. Develops desktop instructions to ensure all staff follow work unit procedures by researching problems and steps to resolve them.
2. Reviews data processing software and procedures to communicate changes in procedures such as communicating changes in department tax forms to processing unit staff.
3. Provides training, technical assistance, and troubleshooting of data processing services. Monitors ongoing processing to identify training and technical assistance needs.

4. Assesses workflow to meet work unit goals and improve processing. Reviews daily statistics for areas of weakness.
 5. Works with other units to identify cross-training and resource needs, improve workflow, and the cost-effectiveness of services. This includes coordinating and monitoring workflow of data files to track processing stages and to maximize the efficiency of operations and services.
 6. Tests new or alternative processes such as tax form changes or system updates. Works with programmers to test new database formats and reports to put them in to use.
 7. Verifies non-duplication of taxpayer accounts by cross-checking identifiers (names, social security numbers, etc) with existing and source data. Reviews taxpayer information and database cross-matches to identify errors and discrepancies. Verifies correct information and updates master files accordingly.
 8. Contacts internal partners to resolve problems such as non-conforming tax reports or electronic submissions and complete processing. Receives, sorts, and enters data into appropriate database fields. Performs data backup and recovery procedures.
 9. Identifies and corrects errors to provide quality assurance by verifying entries, visual examinations, and monitoring processes.
 10. Produces, proofs, and distributes online and batch reports to ensure data processing complies with audit requirements through automated data queries and compiling reports.
 11. Identifies and eliminates duplicate paper records. Ensures that required records are present and complete. Identifies and resolves errors, discrepancies, and omissions as necessary.
 12. Ensures secure handling and delivery of taxpayer information and system reports to appropriate staff.
- **Data Processing, Error Correction and Transfer 25%**
 1. Enters data for multiple tax types into the appropriate database through specialized data entry software or directly on-line into the master tax system from batched taxpayer documents. Creates taxpayer accounts based on the tax type and system requirements.
 2. Validates returns according to type by resolving errors and discrepancies and verifying the completeness of batch postings. Reviews data for errors, reconciles batches, and updates customer information.
 3. Enters priority tax documents and miscellaneous tax types. Ensures secure handling and delivery of taxpayer information and system reports to appropriate staff.
 4. Maintains logs to track batched tax returns and measure productivity by receiving and distributing incoming batches and recording type and number completed on log sheets and spreadsheet. Reconciles number and type of tax returns between logs and spreadsheet.
 5. Transfers data files of batches to appropriate processing systems by creating database transfer files of all input and verified batches.
 6. Resolves transfer problems by locating and correcting errors in the batched returns. These are errors that were not found during the validation process and are indicated by failure of the transfer process.
 7. Reconciles data transfers in the master tax system to make sure the transfer was completed by correcting any errors that prevented completion of the transfer. Performs data backup and recovery procedures as required using data transfer and backup systems.
 8. Identifies and resolves errors, discrepancies, and omissions as necessary to maintain accurate and complete batches by identifying and eliminating duplicate paper records. Verifies that required records or documents are present and complete.
 - **Processing Support Services 15%**
 1. Assists with taxpayer registration by updating or adding taxpayer account information from paper or electronically filed tax returns using system registration functions for a limited number of tax types.
 2. Assists with processing taxpayer files to ensure easy access, efficiency, and completeness of records maintenance. This may include receiving and verifying information, sorting and routing

information, searching for lost files or contents, retrieving files for requestors, and closing or purging files.

3. Assists with routing mail and other documents, processing general taxpayer information by setting up database files, receiving and verifying information, entering data, and data quality control measures such as tracking productivity.
4. Takes part in testing new or changed processes to find and solve problems. Helps determine the effectiveness of the process.
5. Responds to requests and questions from other units by locating and providing requested information and referring specific and technical issues to appropriate staff.
6. Ensures secure handling and delivery of taxpayer information and system reports to appropriate staff.

- **Other Duties 5%**

1. Performs other duties as assigned by supervisors.

Job Requirements

To perform successfully a senior data processing technician the incumbent must be self-motivated; possess a strong work ethic; maintain a positive attitude; and enjoy working with, and for, the public. Skills in multi-tasking; paying attention to details and accuracy; organizing multiple tasks within short and inflexible timelines; training others in technical procedures; mathematics; providing timely and effective written, verbal, and interpersonal communication; customer service; conflict resolution; compiling and analyzing data from multiple sources; following written and oral directions and instructions; identifying and correcting data errors; resolving a wide variety of problems and issues; and word processing, spreadsheet, and database applications are required. This position works with highly confidential financial and tax information and is required to maintain the highest level of confidentiality regarding all information acquired or used in performing this job.

This position requires general knowledge of automated data processing systems, records management, office operations, and customer service standards. The work requires knowledge of department operations and tax types along with functions of the work unit.

- The minimum level of education and job-related work experience needed as a new employee **on the first day** of work is graduation from high school or GED and three years of job-related work experience.
 - Work experience should be made up of data processing.
 - Other combinations of education and experience will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Department Core Values

- **Respect:** As a representative of the people of Montana, proceeds with the highest level of respect for the dignity of every person contacted through work. Without exception, all people are treated as equally as possible. The employee is a faithful steward of the resources provided to this agency by the citizens of Montana.
- **Integrity:** Conducts work honestly and makes decisions that establish a clear record that the department serves the public with integrity. Apologizes for mistakes and gives credit to others for their cooperation, work, and ideas in achieving positive results. Accountable for their actions and holds others accountable for theirs. Decisions and judgments achieve equity and justice for all parties involved including citizens and co-workers.
- **Productivity:** Consistently strives to minimize the waste of the department's financial, facilities, and human resources. Diligently works to improve the productivity and effectiveness of the work unit. Welcomes and encourages new ideas on improving the results of the department from the public, other officials, colleagues, and supervisors. Approaches work in a manner that builds goodwill, trust, and cooperation internally with other staff and externally with the public.

- **Teamwork:** Maximizes cooperation and teamwork when working with other employees, divisions, and other state agencies. Willing to work with others for the opportunity to learn from their ideas, talents, and knowledge. Seeks to resolve conflicts with other employees and work units in an open and respectful manner that reinforces teamwork. Celebrates the successes of others.

Working Conditions

Must work under time constraints, be able to maintain numerous projects at one time, and determine priorities on a daily basis. At times, the incumbent will deal with angry and difficult individuals to resolve concerns or to bring about compliance with regulations. This may cause stressful work conditions and a high degree of mental stress. As a Department of Revenue employee, the incumbent may come into contact with highly confidential financial and tax information and is required to maintain the highest level of confidentiality regarding all information acquired or used in performing this job. This position requires considerable computer and keyboard use. Due to peak processing seasons, incumbent may work in excess of 40 hours per week which may include evenings and weekends. Lifting is infrequent, less than 15 pounds and includes carrying light items such as papers and books. This job requires regular attendance as scheduled by the supervisor. This job cannot be performed at an alternate work site.

Special requirements

- **Background Examination:** Applicants for this position will be subject to a criminal background review before being considered for employment. Individual circumstances involving a criminal conviction will be reviewed to determine an applicant's eligibility for employment.
- **Compliance with All Appropriate Montana Tax Laws:** An employee's tax status must be current.

This job profile was produced by the Office of Human Resources in conjunction with the appropriate managers.

Division Administrator Review: The statements in this job profile are accurate and complete.

Signature: Margaret Kauska, Division Administrator Date: August 2010

Human Resource Director Review: The Office of Human Resources has reviewed this job profile.

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